transmitter to 200 KW MW transmitter is under implementation.

(e) No, Sir. Press reports in this regard have been seen.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. Foundation stone for Nandyal transmitter (5 KW) project was laid by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 01.07.1993. The foundation stone for Kurnool Transmitter (10 KW) project was laid by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh on 18.11.1993. Work on both projects is running as per schedule.

Duty on leather chemicals

*313. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the difference between the average cost of production of leather chemicals, and the cost of imported chemicals, taking into account the duties leviable on raw materials used for leather chemicals produced in the country and import duties leviable on finished chemicals;

(b) what is the likely impact of the higher cost of indigenous production on the Indian industry, especially the small scale; and

(c) the steps taken and proposed to be taken by Government to ensure level playing for Indian manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) As per the information readily available, the reported prices in respect of some of the leather chemicals are given in Statement (*see below*). The prices are of representative varieties and will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer, and as between different countries from which goods are imported.

(b) It is seen from the reported prices that all indigenously produced leather chemicals are not adversely affected by higher cost. It is not possible to quantify the exact impact of cost of indigenous product on the Indian industry as cost of production will depend on a combination of factors like cost of raw-materials, rates of import duty, cost of transport, efficiency of process of production etc. The small scale units would have the added benefits of full exemption of excise duty upto a clearance value of Rs. 30 lacs and concessional duty upto Rs. 75 lacs in a financial year.

(c) Interest of domestic manufacturers and industry is constantly taken into account while determining tariff.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of Leather Chemical	Local price of Indigenous Chemical in Rs./kg.	Equivalent Imported Chemical	Landed cost of imported chemical in Rs./kg.
1.	Pigments PPE Deep Black	78	Black	90.5
2.	Wax Emulsion	27.45	FI-50	90.3
3.	Resin Binders	69.7	RA-I	97
4.	Lacquers	96.5	Unithane 59D	163.4
5.	Non PCP Preservative	100	Busan 30 L	497
6.	Synthetic Fat Liquor	65	Ossipol LN	83.8
7.	Synthetic Fat Liquor	52.1	Lipsol E	61
8.	Synthetic Fat Liquor	68	Neopristol SW	81.3
9.	Resins Syntans	54.85	Locutan 50	168
10.	Dyes-non Benzidine	398	D-Black	561.32
11.	Syntan	51.56	Tanigan 5	46.96
12.	Casein Binder	87.36	Deabind 1430	58.37
13.	Acrylic Binder	63	Acrilem	38.4
14.	Dye	568.5	Derma Dark Brown 2R	415.84
15.	Lacquer	133.6	Icalac	102
16.	Fat Liquor	64.87	Dermol	51.6

Note: Prices are of representative varieties and will vary from manufacturer to manufacturer.